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## PRODUCTION FLEXIBILITY CONTRACT PAYMENTS FOR 1997 CROPS TO TOTAL \$6.4 BILLION

WASHINGTON, Sept. 4, 1997--Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman said today that producers who entered into Production Flexibility Contracts are eligible to share in total fiscal year 1997 payments of \$6.4 billion.

Producers received advance payments of about \$3.3 billion. A balance of \$3.1 billion remains to be paid and local offices of USDA's Farm Service Agency will begin issuing checks the week of September 8th. Final payments are required by statute to be made no later than September 30.

The following tables show payment rates and estimated total payments by commodity and total payments by State, before application of statutory maximum payment limitation requirements.

Commodity	Units	-----Payment Rates-----		Total Payment	
		Advance	Final	Total	Million \$
Wheat	cents/bu	30.5	32.6	63.1	\$1,426
Corn	cents/bu	29.5	19.1	48.6	\$3,434
Grain Sorghum	cents/bu	30.5	23.9	54.4	\$347
Barley	cents/bu	12.5	15.2	27.7	\$117
Oats	cents/bu	1.5	1.6	3.1	\$8
Upland Cotton	cents/lb	3.7	3.9	7.6	\$639
Rice	\$/cwt	1.37	1.34	2.71	\$461

## 1997 PRODUCTION FLEXIBILITY CONTRACTS BY STATE (\$1,000)

Alabama	\$38,759	Nebraska	\$494,662
Alaska	\$596	Nevada	\$1,208
Arizona	\$44,690	New Hampshire	\$1,109
Arkansas	\$260,784	New Jersey	\$3,557
California	\$234,221	New Mexico	\$22,709
Colorado	\$105,381	New York	\$39,645
Connecticut	\$1,363	North Carolina	\$72,297
Delaware	\$6,127	North Dakota	\$246,954
Florida	\$10,119	Ohio	\$195,821
Georgia	\$79,695	Oklahoma	\$146,637
Idaho	\$69,709	Oregon	\$36,162
Illinois	\$599,123	Pennsylvania	\$31,268

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Indiana	\$295,314	Rhode Island	\$325
Iowa	\$686,022	South Carolina	\$32,192
Kansas	\$423,596	South Dakota	\$185,408
Kentucky	\$69,976	Tennessee	\$58,737
Louisiana	\$140,341	Texas	\$514,913
Maine	\$1,116	Utah	\$7,183
Maryland	\$20,324	Vermont	\$2,006
Massachusetts	\$1,244	Virginia	\$26,227
Michigan	\$123,338	Washington	\$92,196
Minnesota	\$386,932	West Virginia	\$2,849
Mississippi	\$131,294	Wisconsin	\$162,392
Missouri	\$195,170	Wyoming	\$8,678
Montana	\$123,977	<b>TOTAL US</b>	<b>\$6,432,520</b>

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